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SUBJECT: WIDESPREAD REPORTS OF FRELIMO-PORTUGUESE

FRATERNIZATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

1. DURING PAST FEW DAYS, NEWSPAPERS HAVE CARRIED INCREASING ACCOUNTS OF FRATERNIZATION BETWEEN FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE FORCES AND/OR CIVILIAN POPULATION IN MANY POINTS OF MOZAMBIQUE: VILA PEREIRA, TETE, MILAMLE, MORRUMBALA, AND NAMPULA. ACCOUNTS INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

A. HARMONIOUS, CONVIVIAL MEETING ORGANIZED BY FRELIMO

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COMMANDER RAIMUNDO IN TETE TO EXPLAIN FRELIMO OBJECTIVES.

FURTHER MEETINGS PLANNED. POLITICAL "COMMISSAR" OF FRELIMO EXPECTED IN TETE SOON.

B. REPORTS THAT FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE FORCES ARE CO-OPERATING IN PICKING UP MINES IN VARIOUS AREAS OF TETE.

C. TRUCKLOADS OF FRELIMO GUERRILLAS ACCLAIMED BY LOCAL POPULATION IN MILANGE, ZAMBESIA. DR. OSCAR MONTEIRO, DOCTOR AND LEADER OF DEMOCRATS OF MOZAMBIQUE IN MILANGE, ORGANIZED "FRATERNIZATION LUNCH" IN HIS HOME FOR FRELIMO GUERRILLAS, LOCAL CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES, AND FRELIMO SYMPATHIZERS.

D. REPORT THAT ZAMBESIA REGIONAL RADIO MAY BROADCAST ADDRESS BY FRELIMO GUERRILLA SOON.

E. CONTACTS BY FRELIMO GUERRILLAS IN VILA PEREY URGING WHITE FARMERS AND SAWMILL OWNERS TO REMAIN (SAMORA MACHEL ON VOZ DA FRELIMO PRAISED THESE ENCOUNTERS AS EXAMPLE OF RACIAL COEXISTENCE).

F. FRELIMO EMISSARY IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES CONTACTED VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION IN NAMPULA.

WM BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL DUNCAN, WHO WAS IN VILA PEREY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, PERSONALLY WITNESSED FRATERNIZATION BETWEEN FRELIMO GUERRILLAS AND PORTUGUESE TROOPS.

3. CONGEN OFFICER ATTENDED PRO-FRELIMO MEETING IN LOURENCO MARQUES JULY 27 ORGANIZED BY DEMOCRATS OF MOZAMBIQUE. WELL-MADE MOVIE ENTITLED "STRUGGLE CONTINUES" SHOWING FRELIMO IN BEST LIGHT. THEATER ERUPTED INTO CHEERS EACH TIME PICTURE OF SAMORA MACHEL WAS SHOWN. SPEECHES STRESSED: INDEPENDENCE WILL REQUIRE SACRIFICES, HARD WORK, AND, IN INITIAL STAGES, MAY ACTUALLY REDUCE SALARIES OR STANDARD OF LIVING OF MASSES; FRELIMO IS TRULY MULTIRACIAL AND THEREFORE NON-BLACK RACES HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.

4. NEWSPAPERS HAVE ALSO CARRIED EXCERPTS OF SPEECHES BY SAMORA MACHEL AND JORGE REBELO BROADCAST BY VOZ DA FRELIMO. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY LAMENT EXODUS OF NON-WHITE POPULATION BASED ON FEAR

OF FRELIMO, WHICH FOR YEARS HAS BEEN ERRONEOUSLY DEPICTED AS RACIST, TERRORIST ORGANIZATION BENT ON KILLING WHITES AND TAKING THEIR PROPERTY; EXPRESS FUTURE NEED OF ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO DEVELOP MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH HONEST WORK; AND NOTE THAT MANY OF THOSE WHO LEFT FOR PORTUGAL ARE RETURNING

BECAUSE PORTUGAL NOT PARADISE THEY HOPED FOR.

5. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO CONFIRM ALL THE
ACCOUNTS IN PARA 1, PARA 2 AND 3 SUGGEST FRELIMO GUERRILLAS
AND SYMPATHIZERS ARE BEING PERMITTED INCREASING FREEDOM OF
ACTION BY MOZAMBIQUE AUTHORITIES ANB THAT PORTUGUESE MILITARY
ARE WELL ON WAY TO ESTABLISHING "DE FACTO"CEASEFIRE.
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